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COMMISSION DIRECTIVE

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS		DATE	March 7, 2007
MOTOR CARRIER MATTERS		DOCKET NO.	2005-110-WS
UTILITIES MATTERS SUBJECT:	\boxtimes		

DOCKET NO. 2005-110-WS – <u>Petition of the Office of Regulatory Staff to Request Forfeiture of the Piney Grove Utilities, Incorporated Bond and to Request Authority to Petition the Circuit Court for Appointment of a Receiver – A Rehearing was held on this matter on November 28, 2006 – Discuss this matter with the Commission.</u>

COMMISSION ACTION:

In Order No. 2006-59, and further detailed in Order No. 2006-262, we found that Piney Grove failed to provide service without just cause or excuse and that this failure has continued for an unreasonable length of time. In fact, we also found that that failure was willful.

However, we denied forfeiture of the bond, because we were unable to find specific evidence in the record quantifying the amounts needed for expenditure to repair and replace various components in the Piney Grove system. In Order No. 2006-262, we granted a rehearing in order to take evidence on these itemized expenses.

We heard the evidence on rehearing, and I now move that this Commission declare \$54,605 of the \$125,000 bond forfeited. Based on the testimony on rehearing, and examining both the revenue and expenditures of each receiver, I believe that Richland County lost \$35,670, and DHEC lost \$18,935. The City of Cayce had approximately \$23,495 in net income as a receiver, so I do not believe that any further compensation is necessary for that particular receiver.

Again, however, the total amount of loss for Richland County and DHEC is \$54,605, and I move that this amount out of the total bond be declared forfeited at this time. If subsequent additional net losses on the Piney Grove systems can be shown by the receivers, ORS is authorized to return to the Commission to request further forfeitures.

PRESIDING	<u> Hamilton</u>					
	MOTION	YES	NO	OTHER	APPROVED	
					APPROVED STC 30 DAYS	
CLYBURN					ACCEPTED FOR FILING	
FLEMING				Not Voting	DENIED	
HAMILTON		\boxtimes			AMENDED	
HOWARD					TRANSFERRED	
MITCHELL		\boxtimes			SUSPENDED	
MOSELEY	\boxtimes	\boxtimes			CANCELED	
WRIGHT					SET FOR HEARING	
					ADVISED	
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